

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Attached are replacement sheets for the drawings. Applicants have amended FIGS. 1, 1A, 1B to FIGS. 1A, 1B, and 1C, respectively, have amended FIGS. 6, 6A, 6B to FIGS. 6A, 6B, and 6C, respectively, and have amended FIGS. 7, 7A, 7B to FIGS. 7A, 7B, and 7C, respectively. Additionally, Applicants have amended the cross-sectional hatching in new FIG. 1A from C-C to 1C-1C and have amended the cross-sectional hatching in new FIG. 1B from A-A and B-B to 2-2 and 3-3, respectively. Further, Applicants have amended element number 18 to 18a in new FIGS. 7B and 7C to correspond with the detailed description on page 4, line 16. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

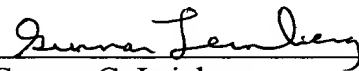
**REMARKS**

In the Examiner's Amendment which accompanies the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 24, 2004, the Office requested Applicants to amend the drawings to add in figure numbers. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the drawings to add in figure numbers and have amended the cross-sectional hatchings in the new figures and the specification to correspond to these new figure numbers. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-noted amendments.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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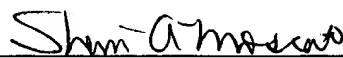
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